

plant patient Matthew Scott flexed his new fingertips ever so slightly yesterday, and one of his surgeons said he was almost out of danger of developing blood clots.

Scott, a paramedic from Absecon, N.J., received the left hand in a 14½-hour operation that ended Monday at Jewish Hospital.

In his hospital room yesterday, Scott sat in a chair with his bandaged left hand and arm elevated. The nails and tips of his fingers were visible. At the prompting of his surgeon Dr. Warren C. Breidenbach, Scott made the fingers twitch faintly. There is no feeling in the hand, Breidenbach said.

### **FCC proposes new low-power radio stations**

WASHINGTON — The government took the first step yesterday toward creating a low-power, low-cost radio service that would help community groups, churches, students and ordinary people get on the air.

The Federal Communications Commission, in a 4-1 vote, offered proposals to create thousands of new, licensed low-tech FM radio stations from 1 watt to 1,000 watts. It would reverse a roughly 20-year old ban against such licenses.

The proposals "could create a whole new class of voices using the airwaves . . .," said FCC Chairman Bill Kennard.

### **Man arrested in theft of 3,500 Viagra pills**

CROWN POINT, Ind. — A man was charged yesterday with stealing 3,500 tablets of the impotence drug Viagra from the self-storage facility where he worked.

Mark Steven Drisner, 21, was arrested at the Merrillville police station after confessing to twice using master keys to two storage units leased by Viagra maker Pfizer Inc. Lake County Detective Tim Wardrip said none of the pills, valued at about \$35,000, have been recovered.

Drisner was being held yesterday on two counts of felony theft. He is scheduled for a bond hearing today.

### **Reno gets conflicting advice on investigation**

WASHINGTON — With conflicting recommendations from aides, Attorney General Janet Reno said yesterday she hasn't decided if an independent counsel should investigate whether a former top White House aide lied to a Senate panel

*system as a whole is still significantly underfunded."*

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